

Hyde Park. Oct 30/71.

Dear brother Garrison

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First of all I want to have some definite information about all of you, especially William wife & baby - dear Fannie is in Europe I suppose, how is her husband? Love to Helen, who, I hear is well.

Now to a subject near my heart - Mrs William Birney, who now resides in Florida, has been making us a visit - she says that the poor negroes in their neighborhood have all lost their

crops by a terrible tornado, the cotton
fields look as if a conflagration had
passed over them ^{some of} the negroes were ga-
thering the mouldy corn in canoes, the
flood not having subsided into the
neighboring lakes. I have collected
what I could here for these destitute
~~forgotten ones~~ of cast off garments, but
what are they among so many. Now
dear brother can you tell me of any
colored ladies in Boston, or vicinity
to whom I can write, & who would take
hold & collect clothing. I know Chicago
has swallowed up almost every thing
but much that would be too old for

the whites our colored friends would
be glad to get—

The summer has flown
by & we have not been cheered by a vis-
it from you, may be the right time
will come next summer—

I. & A. join me in love to you
all— Yours affy.

Sarah M. Grimké.

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